

FLAMES DESTROY THORNTON'S HOME

Overheated Stove Is to Blame, and Very Little Is Saved.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Alexandria, Va., January 10.—Fire at 4 o'clock this afternoon destroyed the \$15,000 residence of State Senator R. Ewell Thornton, at Fairfax Courthouse. An overheated stove on the second floor was responsible for the fire. Only the furniture on the first floor was saved. Senator Thornton was in Alexandria attending a banquet of the Chamber of Commerce when he received word of the fire. No one was in the house at the time. There was only \$2,500 insurance on the house.

Court Considering Case.
The case of Oliver Durant, who seeks to enjoin Charles H. Tinsley, commissioner of revenue, and E. L. Slaughter, treasurer of Culpeper County, and C. Lee Moore, State Auditor, from collecting about \$81,000 back taxes, was taken under consideration by Judge Edmund Waddill, in the United States Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, this afternoon. Mr. Durant claims Washington, D. C., as his residence, and Culpeper County claims Culpeper as his residence.

Taxation Discussed.
Speeches favoring the plan of segregation of subjects of taxation as proposed by C. Lee Moore, State Auditor, and also favoring repealing the law providing for a tax on bank accounts, were made this afternoon at a banquet given by the Chamber of Commerce by Carroll Pierce, president of the Citizens' National Bank; G. L. Booth, president of the First National Bank; H. R. Burke, of the banking house of Burke & Herbert; State Senator R. Ewell Thornton, of Fairfax; Delegate Walter T. Oliver, of Fairfax; Delegate J. Fred Birrell, of Alexandria; W. W. Tinsley, of Fauquier; Julian W. Williams, A. D. Brock, of John W. May and Worth Lull.

VILLA'S REBEL ARMY OCCUPIES OJINAGA

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Into the river, swimming to the American side.

Immediate Effect on Garrison.
The rout of the Federal outposts had an immediate effect on the Federal garrison. Many other outposts were withdrawn, cattle were driven into the village, and women and children were hurriedly dispatched across the river to American territory.

General Francisco Castro, of the Federal forces, after a council of war with General Mercado, ordered all Federal field guns into action. These guns

were posted on the edge of the Ojinaga plateau overlooking and commanding the lower plain across which the rebels were advancing. A few Federal soldiers who crossed the border after the opening of the action were arrested and disarmed by the United States troops.

Dramatic Incidents.
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His flight across the desert to Ojinaga, where he hoped to replenish his food and ammunition supplies, required almost a week. He was accompanied by many rich Mexicans, among them Luis Terrazas, one of the most extensive land holders in the world, who feared violence at the hands of the rebel forces.

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How soon the retreat to foreign soil was to follow then hardly could be conjectured, but it was known Federal troops were discouraged without pay for many months, and hopeless of ever defeating the growing revolutionary movement. They also were short

of ammunition. Appeals to Mexico City brought money to pay the troops, but they could not overcome the impossibility of getting more ammunition through the United States.

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He said he never would give up unless his men ran short of ammunition. He kept his word. For six days, ending last Sunday, he had fought pluckily against odds. The rebels fired more than 1,000,000 rounds into the Federal trenches without avail. It was not until Villa, military head of the revolution, appeared on the scene that the reverse came for the Federalists.

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General Mercado was taken to Major McNamee, the commanding officer, who held him pending orders from Brigadier-General Bliss.

Major McNamee was convinced at a late hour that many of the Federal soldiers had not succeeded in reaching United States territory, but had scattered on the Mexican side and probably would come over later if they were not captured by the rebels.

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Meanwhile with the Zapatistas swarming around the capital, the government is adopting drastic measures to suppress the rebellion in Jalisco. Several villages have been destroyed and the inhabitants of others have been notified to assemble in a concentration camp.

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Best American Franklin Brand Granulated Sugar, lb. 4 1/2c

Good Large Country Eggs, dozen 30c

Early June Peas, 10c can; or, per dozen \$1.15

Fresh, Corned or Smoked California Hams, lb. 14c

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Good Sugar Corn, 4 cans for 25c

3 cans Succotash, all kinds vegetables, for 25c

Large Juicy Lemons, dozen 15c

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Good Large Country Eggs, dozen 31c

New Fat Norway Mackerel, large, 5c, or 6 for 25c

Best California Sherry and Port Wine, gallon \$1.00

Good Mackerel, dozen 40c

Gordon Fish Roe, large cans, 9c

Small Smithfield Hams, lb. 21c

2-lb. cans All Pork Sausage 20c

Meat for 20c

Fresh Roasted Rio Coffee, 18c lb., or 1 1/2 lbs. for 25c

Best Fresh Country Meat, 24c peck; or, bushel 95c

Tomatoes for soup, can. 5c

Best Winesap Apples, peck. 40c

Quart cans Virginia String Beans, 3 for 25c

1-lb. cans Corned Beef Hash, 18c

Quart Mason Jar Syrup, 10c

Small Best Regular Hams, 18c

3-lb. Jars Home-Made Preserves 20c

Large Jars Peas 8c

Extra Fine Bahama Island Canned Pineapple 17c

Best Smyrna Layer Figs, lb. 11c

1-lb. pkg. New Dates 8c

3 bottles Essence Lemon or Vanilla 10c

Good Sour Pickles, gallon 30c

Tomato Catsup and Sauce, per gallon 60c

Verdant Valley Fancy Creamery Butter, 1-lb. carton 40c

7 bars 5c Swift Pride Soap for 25c

Wine for Jelly, qt. 20c

2-lb. cans Campbell's Pork and Beans 9c

Fresh Country Butter, lb. 30c

Finest Quality Swiss Cheese, lb. 25c

Good Grand Lard, 10 1/2c lb. in 25-lb. cans 10c

Good 5-string Brooms 25c

Best Navy Beans, lb. 5c

A Very Good Mixed Tea, lb. 25c

New Barley, for soup, lb. 6c

Smithfield Country Jowls, lb. 14c

New Codfish, 1-lb. brick 7c

Purity Brand Butterine, lb. 22c

Country Sun-dried Apples, lb. 9c

Sweetheart Toilet Soap, 6 bars, 25c

New Sour Kettle, just received, per quart 8c

Butterfly High Grade Condensed Milk, large cans, New California Prunes, 3 lbs. for 25c

Quart bottle Finest Maraschino Cherries 55c

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Finest Quality Breakfast Bacon, 18c lb.; or by piece, 6 lbs. to piece, lb. 17c

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3 cans Pochontas Corn for 25c

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Jasmine White California Asparagus, regular 25c cans now 18c

Pure Ground Pepper, lb. 20c

Whole Grain Carolina Rice 8c

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Snowdrift Lard, all sizes 12 1/2c

Shredded Coconut, lb. 15c

Large Fancy Onions, qt. 6c

Rival Gelatine high grade, make 4 pints, for 5c

Brookdale Large Canned Asparagus, can. 20c

High Grade Macaroni, 1 lb. papers 7c

Albemarle County Sweet Cider, per gallon 30c

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